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SUBJECT: ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN'S REMARKS TO PRESS AND Q AND A
AFTER APRIL 21 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL

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1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS MADE BY ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN TO PRESS
FOLLOWING MEETING THIS AFTERNOON (APRIL 21) WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
CAGLAYANGIL.

A. BEGIN QUOTE. I VERY MUCH WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE,
TO MEET WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OTHER REPRESENT-
ATIVES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND TO HAVE FRANK AND FULL
DISCUSSIONS ON PROBLEMS SECRETARY KISSINGER DISCUSSED WHEN
HE WAS HERE LAST MONTH.

B. WE COME AS FRIENDS AND ALLIES. WE DO NOT COME TO POSE DEMANDS OR
SEEK CONCESSIONS. WE COME TO TALK TO OUR FRIENDS AND GIVE THEM OUR
VIEWS ON PROBLEMS IN THE AREA.

C. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WE TALKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF
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NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

ON CYPRUS ABOUT TO BEGIN IN VIENNA AND ALSO ABOUT A DIRECT DIALOGUE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP.

D. AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER POINTED OUT IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, I ALSO REPORTED ON THE SITUATION IN WASHINGTON AND THE EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER TO RESTORE OUR SECURITY RELATIONS WITH TURKEY. I REPORTED THAT SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS RESPECT AND BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY WOULD CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS.

E. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUATION OF THIS DISCUSSION WHEN SECRETARY KISSINGER COMES HERE FOR THE CENTO MEETING AND TO DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NATO SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS.

2. FOLLOWING IS RESUME OF Q AND A AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT AND ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN'S REMARKS TO PRESS:

A. Q. SINCE DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ANKARA AND BEARING IN MIND PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT TO LE MONDE, DO YOU THINK PROSPECTS FOR TALKS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE IMPROVED? A. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING HERE OR IN ATHENS WHICH WOULD LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A DIALOGUE HAVE DIMINISHED.

B. Q: WHEN WILL THE SCOTT-MANSFIELD BILL, APPROVED BY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE BE TAKEN UP BY THE SENATE AND WHAT IS YOUR EXPECTATION OF THE OUTCOME? A. I CANNOT GIVE YOU AN EXACT PREDICTION. I HOPE IT WILL BE TAKEN UP SOON. THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS BEFORE THE SENATE, IN PARTICULAR THE SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. BUT THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE CLEAR THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THIS QUESTION IN THE ADDRESS HE MADE TO THE CONGRESS.

C. Q: REPORTERS HAVE PRESUMED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT, IF AID IS NOT RESTORED, U.S. MONITORING STATIONS WILL BE CLOSED DOWN. DID YOU ASK FOR MORE TIME? A: I WOULD NOT WISH TO CONFIRM REPORTERS ASSUMPTIONS. PERHAPS THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT. (CAGLAYANGIL REPEATED THAT GÖT WILL MAKE NECESSARY UNCLASSIFIED

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DECISIONS AT APPROPRIATE TIME.)

D. Q: AT TIME OF CONGRESSIONAL DECISION, MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND THE CYPRUS QUESTION WERE LINKED TOGETHER. IS THIS STILL THE SITUATION? A: THE U.S. EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THESE MATTERS ARE NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE LINKED. THERE ARE THOSE IN CONGRESS WHO THINK THEY SHOULD BE LINKED. WE BELIEVE THEY ARE MISTAKEN. WE BELIEVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM SHOULD BE DEALT WITH

THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE PLEASED THAT TALKS WILL START
IN VIENNA AND WE HOPE TO SEE PROGRESS THERE. END Q AND A.
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